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The Dean writes.....

Dear Parishioners and Friends

The TV adverts and some of the posters in shop windows announce that it is time to go **BACK TO SCHOOL**. The school holidays are over and it is time for family life to get back to

normal – or as close to normal as COVID-19 will allow. It is time to settle back into a familiar routine. It is, also, the time of the year when many of the church's activities resume.

On the first Sunday in September in this parish it will be Back to Sunday School and Back to the Choir.

In this issue of the Cathedral Magazine you will see an invitation to come Back to Church.

I appreciate that some members of this parish are still nervous about meeting in a crowded place and are still reluctant to return to church. I want to re-assure you and to tell you that every effort is made to make Saint Columb's Cathedral as safe a place as possible. A hand sanitiser for the use of parishioners is located in the Porch and parishioners are asked to use it on entry to the Cathedral.

We still observe social distancing and keep 2 metres apart and only use every other pew. We encourage parishioners to wear a face covering on entering and exiting the Cathedral and, if possible, during the whole of the service.

The Cathedral is cleaned with a special substance prior to the service and we are most grateful to the members of the parish who are giving of their time to ensure that the Cathedral is clean and safe for use.

Under COVID-19 regulations the present seating capacity in the Cathedral is for 100 persons. We are, at present, averaging about 40-50 persons each Sunday. So you can see that we could easily double the number of people who could attend and still keep within the law.

With the assistance of Robert McGonigle the church service is relayed every Sunday morning at 11.00 a.m. on the Cathedral Facebook page and we will continue to do this because it enables parishioners who are unwell or housebound (as well as people in other parts of the country and indeed of the world) to worship with us and to feel that they belong. (In recent weeks a former member of this parish – Dorothy Godley - who was baptised in the Cathedral 80 years ago has begun to share in the service from her home in Victoria, Australia).

So, I invite you to consider making a return to Saint Columb's Cathedral on Sunday morning at 11.00 a.m.

The idea behind **Back to Church Sunday** is quite simple. **You invite a person to come to church with you.** You give a personal invitation to someone whom you know. Someone who does not attend any other church or worship fellowship. Someone from your own church who has not attended for some time. Someone who might like to attend but may be embarrassed because he/she has been away for so many years.

Churches and parishes have found that Back to Church Sunday does work.

People who had been nominal members of their church or who had fallen away from attending have returned and many still are attending and playing their part in the local congregations.

Your personal invitation has a strong Biblical basis. When you invite your friend or neighbour to come to church with you on **Sunday 5th September** you will be following the example of the apostle Andrew. He introduced his brother Simon to Jesus. **He found his brother Simon and said to him, "We have found the Messiah." He brought Simon to Jesus.**

(Saint John 1: 41-42).

Your friend or neighbour may make excuses! **"If I attend the church the roof will fall in!"** **"People will be talking about me". "People will be looking at me".** Please be assured that this simply is not true. He/she will be welcomed and will not be made to feel uncomfortable. It is hoped that the service will speak to that person and that he/she will want to come back every Sunday.

Here is a poem with **Back to Church Sunday** in mind.

Going Back

(Saint Luke 15: 11-32)

Could I go back after all this time,
After all I've done,
The places I've been.
The wild living and the wasted years,
Could I go back?
Would they let me in,
Would he want me at all,
Is it possible even now to turn round
And simply go home?

From the coming to my senses
Comes decision,
Comes a risking,
Comes a turning
and a danger of rejection, after all.

But when I'm still far off and searching
The way beckons like a beacon –
And there he is,
Arms wide in welcome,
And he's running out to bring me in
To the still place of the love
That is my Father and my home.

Daphne Kitching

Yours sincerely

Raymond Stewart

The Every Voice Festival, managed by Allegri Arts Organisation and based in the North West of Ireland, is a community-focused festival whose main objective is to celebrate local heritage, culture and the arts.

This year, the festival marks 1500 years since the birth of Colmcille -

the patron saint of Derry - through music and prayer. This concert was filmed in the beautiful settings of Saint Columb's Cathedral, St Columba's Church Long Tower and Áras Cholmcille. It features Long Tower Folk Group, Saint Columb's Cathedral Choir and Saint Eugene's Cathedral

****Outstanding achievement****

A special congratulations to Dara who studied A level Chemistry, Physics, Mathematics, Further Mathematics and Music. Dara achieved an impressive 5 A* grades and has secured a place in Oxford University to study Physics. Dara is pictured with Mr Purcell (Head of Physics).

A very impressive achievement!



Choir, as well as a performance from an inter-denominational choir of community singers from throughout Derry and Donegal. The concert celebrates the city's shared Columban heritage and early Irish Christianity.

[#Colmcille1500](#)

[#awakenthemusic](#)

[#everyvoicefestival](#)

Saint Columb's Cathedral Sunday School reopens with the Annual Prize Giving on Sunday 5th September at 11.00am. We look forward to seeing you all.

As we reported in the last magazine this year for our Attendance Certificates will take into account attendances at Sunday School up to the last day of term and attendance at the Monthly Family Service along with participation in the various church initiatives.

We are delighted that 20 % of the children will receive attendance certificates.

80% of the children, during COVID-19, took part in the home tasks and Walk To The Cross.

This has been a year so unprecedented in the world that we struggle as adults to comprehend yet our children have had to adapt in a way none of us adults have ever experienced.

We in Sunday School are entrusted with the well-being of the children - a role we take seriously. We continue to follow all the training with Safeguarding Trust and we have adapted to the new guidelines brought in by The Church of Ireland. We have all completed our online enhanced security checks. We regularly carry out fire drills (one every term).

The Prize Giving celebrates the work of the children and every child will receive an award.

The Special Awards recognise those children who have contributed to the life of the Sunday School by reading lessons or prayers at the Family Service in Church. Special Awards also commemorate those who may no longer be with us. Our special prizes are:



THE ELLA MOLLOY PRIZE

THE ETHEL GALLAGHER PRIZE

THE BETTY McCORKELL PRIZE

THE PAM MITCHELL PRIZE

THE ALEX MOLLOY PRIZE

THE WILLIAM DOUGHERTY BROTHERS MEMORIAL PRIZE

THE NORMA GLENN AWARD

THE TRAFFORD McINTOSH PRIZE

THE SUPERINTENDENT'S PRIZE

THE JUNIOR SHIELD

THE WILLIAM GALLAGHER SENIOR AWARD

THE JEAN STANNETT MEMORIAL AWARD

TEACHERS' PRIZE

Much sought after by the children

We thank each and every person who has contributed to the special awards. Members of the congregation can also support the prize giving as we have a retiring offering to offset the cost of the prizes.

We wish every child well as he/she commences a new term at school and also those changing school.

Irene

The Cathedral Youth Club

Davy's Diner is now open in Cathedral Youth Club. Food is well priced and served each day from 12 noon to 2.00pm. You can be assured of a welcome so please support us as without your support we will not be able to maintain this service.

We will reopen after our summer break on the 6th September.

GUIDANCE ON FACE COVERINGS IN CHURCHES

Brothers and sisters in Christ,

Please find attached the latest advice in relation to the wearing of face coverings in church buildings in Northern Ireland, which has been issued by the Archbishop of Armagh and which I hope will prove helpful.

The change to the regulations came into effect at 6 pm yesterday, Tuesday 27th July, 2021.

Please note that the relaxation applies to **acts of worship only**. Face coverings must still be worn when entering or exiting places of worship, and it is strongly advised that they be worn during singing and while moving around our premises. This updated guidance follows discussions with the Executive Office at Stormont and has been 'worked through' with the other main Churches.

+ **Andrew Derry and Raphoe**

FACE COVERINGS AND CHURCH SERVICES

Much has been reported in the press in the last twenty-four hours about the decision by the Northern Ireland Executive to remove the mandatory requirement for face coverings to be worn during religious services in places of worship. Please be aware that although the former regulations are now being moved to guidance only, face coverings will still be legally required when entering and exiting the building.

It is also strongly advised that they are worn whilst singing or moving around inside the church premises.

This new guidance only applies to acts of worship.

The clear guidance from the Chief Medical Officer and Chief Scientific Advisor remains that face coverings should continue to be worn, therefore parishioners are strongly encouraged to continue wearing face coverings, for the time being, when attending church services as the benefits, particularly in the regard to the welfare of others, outweigh the risks.

Congregational singing also considerably increases the risk of the spread of the virus so wearing a face-covering is a necessary mitigation against that risk.

By wearing a face covering we are showing our support and consideration for other members of the congregation, particularly the more vulnerable and those with underlying health concerns.

Individually and collectively, we are also then continuing to play our part in preventing transmission of the virus.

Guidance remains that social distancing of 2 metres is recommended within church services.

The closer we are in proximity to others, then the higher the risk. The risk of transmission is therefore higher at one metre compared to two metres.

The highest risk environments for the spread of the virus are indoor, crowded, poor ventilated spaces where people are in close proximity to others for a period of time.

Please continue to ensure that all necessary mitigations and safety measures are in place and that risk assessments are regularly updated.

Services of Holy Matrimony

Friday 16th July 2021

Louis Fields and Anna Kilgore were married in Saint Columb's Cathedral on Friday 16th July. The Chief Bridesmaid was **Miss Aoife McSorley** and the Best Man was **Mr Nicky Morton**. The Bridesmaid was **Miss Amy Kilgore** and the Groomsman was **Mr Kyle Henderson**. The Junior Bridesmaids were **Miss Alice Watkinson and Miss Olivia Ward** and the Flower Girls were **Miss Lauren Ward and Miss Erin Ward**. The Ushers were **Mr Matthew Kilgore and Mr David Lapsley**. The Organist was **The Reverend Dr Ian Mills**. The Officiant was **The Very Reverend Dr William Morton**, the Dean and Ordinary of The National Cathedral and Collegiate Church of Saint Patrick, Dublin.

Thursday 19th August 2021

Christopher Edward William Kerr and Helen Elizabeth McCrossan were married in Saint Columb's Cathedral on Thursday 19th August 2021. The Maid of Honour was **Julia McCrossan** and the Best Men were **Matthew Loy and Alan Moore**. The Bridesmaids were **Bethan Court, Hannah Fitzpatrick, Isobel Nash, Sarah Phillips and Megan Prideaux**. The Flower Girl was **Sofia Ruggiero**. The Groomsman were **Christopher Craig, Stephen Kerr, Richard Kniveton, Robert Robinson and Christopher Rock**. The Organist was **Mr Nicky Morton**. The Officiant was **The Very Reverend Raymond Stewart**.

Wednesday 25th August 2021

Gary James McMackin and Lucy Ellen McGonigle were married in Saint Columb's Cathedral on Wednesday 25th August 2021. The Witnesses were **Carol McMackin and Lorraine Murray**. The Flower Girls were **Lily McMackin and Robyn-Emily McGonigle**. The Page Boys were **James McMackin, Daniel McMackin and Rowan McGonigle**. The Organist was **Ben McGonigle** (the brother of the bride). The Officiant was **The Very Reverend Raymond Stewart**.

CHAPTER NEWS

The Reverend Colin Welsh, the Rector of The Parish of Castledawson, will be installed as a Canon in Saint Columb's Cathedral on Thursday 23rd September 2021 at 7.30 p.m. We are looking forward to welcoming The Reverend Colin Welsh to his Canon's stall in the Cathedral.

Due to the Coronavirus pandemic attendance at the Service of Installation will be by invitation and COVID-19 protocols (hand sanitising, the wearing of face coverings and the observing of social distancing) will continue to be observed.

A MEETING OF THE SELECT VESTRY

A Meeting of the Select Vestry will be held on ZOOM on Tuesday 7th September at 7.30 p.m.

The Cathedral Magazine

Notes / Articles for the October issue of the Cathedral magazine are due by Sunday 26th September 2021.

Sunday Service

Parishioners and friends can continue to watch and listen to the Morning Service on the Cathedral Facebook page or by logging on to www.stcolumbscathedral.org and going to Worship on the menu bar.

The Public Health Agency in Northern Ireland has put together a super comprehensive booklet providing advice for people who have experienced a bereavement during the COVID-19 pandemic period.

Two other booklets are also available in this series – one dealing with practicalities and the other a children's story helping children to cope with the death of a loved one.

These excellent resources can be downloaded at <https://www.publichealth.hscni.net/publications/covid-19-bereavement-resources>

Grief and bereavement during the COVID-19 pandemic

Supporting yourself and others

HSC Public Health Agency



Free dial-in worship phone line during coronavirus lockdown. Daily Hope is a free resource for members who live in Northern Ireland and the rest of the UK. It offers a variety of music, prayers and reflections as well as full worship services from the Church of England at the end of a telephone line. To listen to Mothers' Union Midday Prayers – choose option 4 and then option 8. The line – is available 24 hours a day on

0800 804 8044 – has been set up particularly with those unable to join online church services during the period of restrictions in mind.

HOSPITAL ADMISSIONS



If you or a relative is admitted to, or discharged from, hospitals or nursing homes please let Dean Raymond Stewart or The Reverend Canon John Merrick know if you would like a Pastoral Visit.

Under Data Protection (GDPR) we **do not** have access to the Hospital Admission Forms, so we can only know that you are a patient in a hospital or a nursing home if the Chaplain notifies us or if you or a relative notifies us.

Thank you for your co-operation.

As of Monday 24th May 2021

N.B. It is now possible for clergy to visit in care homes and hospitals, in addition to visits from family members. All local restrictions and procedures should be followed, including, in most cases, advance appointments for care homes.

Bishop Andrew Forster has advised the members of the ordained clergy:

I recommend that you contact hospitals and care homes in advance of visiting to confirm local arrangements. A conversation with the family of a patient in advance of a visit may also be worthwhile to alleviate any concerns on either side.

Volunteers Needed - Foyle Hospice Charity Shops

In particular the following areas

Limavady Shop; Waterloo Place Shop; Strabane Shop

Do you have a few hours to spare a week?

Would you like to join our fantastic team of volunteers?

Meet new friends? Learn new skills?

And most importantly have fun while helping and supporting your local hospice.

If this is something that would interest you, please get in touch with

Rachael Osbourne, Volunteer Coordinator, Foyle Hospice, 61 Culmore Road, Londonderry BT48 8JE (028 – 7135 1010) or email rachael@foylehospice.co



On Sunday 18 July the Dean of Saint Patrick's, the Very Revd Dr William Morton, installed the Very Revd Roderick Smyth, the Revd Aonghus Mayes, and the Revd Ian Gallagher as Prebendaries of Taney, Newcastle and Tipperkevin respectively on the Chapter of the National Cathedral. We pray for God's blessing on them in their ministry here.

Canon Smyth was appointed by the Bishop of Limerick and Killaloe in October 2020, and Canons Mayes and Gallagher were elected by the Chapter in January of this year. The lengthy delay between appointment, election, and installation is a consequence of restrictions relating to the Coronavirus pandemic: July 2021 saw the installation of no fewer than six prebendaries, an unprecedented number in recent times.

DIOCESAN NEWS

The Reverend Andrea Cotter, the deacon intern in The Parishes of Skerry (Broughshane), Rathcavan and Newtowncrommelin in The Diocese of Connor **has been appointed the Curate assistant in The Parish of Clooney, Londonderry.**

The Reverend Alan McCracken, the deacon intern in The United Parishes of Ballynure and Ballyeaston in The Diocese of Connor **has been appointed to The Moville Group of Parishes.** We welcome Andrea and her husband Richard and Alan and his wife Karen to The Dioceses of Derry and Raphoe.



It is difficult to believe that September is almost here again. While it signals the end of Summer, let us hope it will also bring the return of some of our activities that have been on hold for so long.

It has been good to see the Cathedral open again at the weekends and volunteers under

Ian's knowledgeable guidance have enjoyed welcoming a steady stream of visitors. If any of you can spare a couple of hours to help out please get in touch with Ian.

Our next meeting is due on Tuesday 14th September. If the covid situation does not deteriorate we are planning to hold a social evening then as a "trial run" and will hopefully be able to catch up with all your news and chat.

We continue to remember Irene and her family and all who are sick and those who are caring for them at this difficult time.

Keep safe and hope to see you in September.

Irene, Pauline and Margaret

CONFIRMATION 2021



The Right Reverend Andrew Forster, the Bishop of The Dioceses of Derry and Raphoe, visited Saint Columb's Cathedral on Sunday 27th June 2021 at 11.00 a.m. to administer the Rite of Confirmation to six parishioners – **Daniel Burnett, Ava Copestake, Jack Duddy, Jake Hewitt, Ellie McIntosh and Melissa Duddy.**

Mrs Irene Hewitt, the Sunday School Superintendent, read the Old Testament reading – 2 Samuel 1: 1, 17-27 and Ava Copestake read the Gospel reading – Saint Mark 5: 21-43. The Cathedral Choristers sang 'Fairest Lord Jesus', arranged by Martin How.

The Dean records his thanks to The Reverend Canon John Merrick who led the preparation sessions and to Mrs Irene Hewitt who also helped to prepare the candidates in their understanding of the Christian Faith during their years in Sunday School.

Daniel, Ava, Jack, Jake, Ellie and Melissa received the Sacrament of Holy Communion for the first time at the Service of Holy Communion on Sunday 4th July 2021.

SAINT COLUMBA'S DAY / GIFT DAY

A Gift Day was held in Saint Columba's Cathedral on the Feast Day of Saint Columba, Wednesday 9th June. The Dean / Canon John Merrick were in attendance, 11.00 a.m. – 12.30 p.m., 2.00 p.m. – 5.00 p.m.

Some people came and gave their donation in person. Other people posted their donation, while others donated on line. However the money was given I wish, on behalf of the Select Vestry, to thank every person who responded so generously to the Gift Day Appeal.

£12,730 has been received.

Dear Santa,

Hasn't time flown? It seems no time since Christmas, so please forgive me for not thanking you for all the lovely Christmas gifts received months ago- we are always so quick to ask for things and not quick enough to say thank you, my apologies!

I enjoyed seeing you in the films during the 'Christmas in July season' and I am always so relieved that all your stories had a happy ending! I really enjoyed seeing the Christmas decorations in churches, houses, and communities.

It is still strange to sit at home in July, with all the doors open and watch people in films out in the snow in high heels and no coat- now that is a bit farfetched! I can understand people in complicated relationships getting themselves sorted, but out in the snow without a coat, boots, hat, scarf, gloves, hand warmer and body-warmer- now that is a fairy-tale!

I just wanted to let you know that I don't intend sending you a Christmas list this year, as you know I have everything I need. In fact, every drawer I open and room I investigate I know it needs to be decluttered. The problem is, I have so many things I don't need yet can't throw out. Could you please advise me what to do with them? I thought about one of those garage sales that they have in America when it all goes out on the front lawn, but sure everybody flies about in cars and may not stop. Americans also leave things out on the sidewalk, and the items disappear in a very short space of time. I don't know if it would work here or not. I don't want it to go to landfill and add to the crisis in our environment, so I will wait for your reply before I do anything.

Again, thank you for everything. Please see to the needy who don't have everything they need before anybody else this year. I suppose you will want a behaviour report for your records- all I can say is- I tried to be good!

Love from
Your best girl

PS If your reply to my query is a skip, I will not like it, but I will try to cope.



THE CATHEDRAL REOPENS TO VISITORS AND TOURISTS

THE FIRST VISITOR



Lisa Diaz from New York

Scripture Readings at Services

SCRIPTURE READINGS AT SERVICES

Parishioners might like to prepare for worship by reading the Scripture readings before they come to church. The readings of the Sundays and Principal Holy Days are found in The Book of Common Prayer, page 27 ff.

This year we follow the readings for Year B.

Saturday 4th September 2021

12.00 noon The Rite of Holy Baptism (George Johnathan McIvor)

Sunday 5th September 2021 – The Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity

BACK TO CHURCH SUNDAY

8.00 a.m.

Proverbs 22: 1-2, 8-9, 22-23. Psalm 125 (page 745). Saint James 2: 1-13. Saint Mark 7: 24-37.

11.00 a.m. (A Family Service with The Presentation of Sunday School Prizes and Awards)

Proverbs 22: 1-2, 8-9, 22-23. Psalm 125 (page 745). Saint Mark 7: 24-37.

4.00 p.m.

Psalm 119: 41-56 (page 734). Exodus 14: 5-31. Saint Matthew 6: 1-18.

Tuesday 7th September 2021

10.30 a.m. (The Service of Holy Communion – Order Two)

1 Kings 16: 23-34. Psalm 8 (page 599). Colossians 2: 6-15. Saint Luke 6: 12-19.

Saturday 11th September 2021

12.00 noon The Rite of Holy Baptism (Riley Mark Douglas Appleby)

Sunday 12th September 2021 – The Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity

8.00 a.m.

Proverbs 1: 20-23. Psalm 19 (page 611). Saint James 3: 1-12. Saint Mark 8: 27-38.

11.00 a.m. (The Service of Choral Matins – Order One)

Psalm 19 (page 611). Proverbs 1: 20-23. Saint Mark 8: 27-38.

4.00 p.m.

Psalm 119: 73-88 (page 736). Exodus 18: 13-26. Saint Matthew 7: 1-14.

Tuesday 14th September 2021

10.30 a.m. (The Service of Holy Communion – Order Two).

1 Kings 21: 17-29. Psalm 101 (page 706). 1 Timothy 3: 1-13. Saint Luke 7: 11-17.

Saturday 18th September 2021

12.00 noon The Rite of Holy Baptism (Theo Stephen Thompson)

Sunday 19th September 2021 – The Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity

8.00 a.m.

Proverbs 31: 10-31. Psalm 1 (page 594). Saint James 3: 13 – 4: 3, 7-8a. Saint Mark 9: 30-37.

11.00 a.m. (The Service of Choral Eucharist – Order One)

Saint James 3: 13 – 4: 3, 7-8a. Saint Mark 9: 30-37.

4.00 p.m.

Psalm 119: 137-152 (page 740). Exodus 19: 10-25. Saint Matthew 8: 23-34.

Tuesday 21st September 2021 – Saint Matthew

10.30 a.m. (The Service of Holy Communion – Order Two)

Proverbs 3: 13-18. Psalm 119: 65-72 (page 735). 2 Corinthians 4: 1-6. Saint Matthew 9: 9-13.

Thursday 23rd September 2021

7.30 p.m. (The Service of the Installation of The Reverend Colin Welsh as a Canon)

Saturday 25th September 2021
The Service of the Renewal of Marriage Vows

Sunday 26th September 2021 – The Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity

8.00 a.m.

Esther 7: 1-6, 9-10; Esther 9: 20-22. Psalm 124 (page 744). Saint James 5: 13-20.
Saint Mark 9: 38-50.

11.00 a.m. (The Service of Choral Matins – Order One)

Psalm 124 (page 744). Esther 7: 1-6, 9-10; Esther 9: 20-22. Saint Mark 9: 38-50.

4.00 p.m.

Psalm 120 (page 742). Psalm 121 (page 743). Exodus 24. Saint Matthew 9: 1-8.

Saturday 2nd October 2021

12.00 noon The Rite of Holy Baptism (Brandon John Gillespie)

Sunday 3rd October 2021 – The Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity / Harvest Sunday

8.00 a.m.

Job 1: 1; Job 2: 1-10. Psalm 126 (page 619). Hebrews 1: 1-4; Hebrews 2: 5-12.
Saint Mark 10: 2-16.

11.00 a.m. (The Service of Choral Eucharist – Order Two)

Hebrews 1: 1-4; Hebrews 2: 5-12. Saint Mark 10: 2-16.

4.00 p.m.

Psalm 125 (page 745). Psalm 126 (page 745). Joshua 3: 7-17. Saint Matthew 10: 1-22.



Granddaughter of John Rodgers who served with 10th Royal Inniskillings in the First World War and who played the Bass Drum in the Regimental Band.
The drum is now on display in the Chapter House.
Mr Rodgers was an uncle of the late Brian McBride, a member of the parish.

BOY CHORISTER RECRUITMENT



Do you know
a boy who
loves music?

We offer
FREE music
training!



In September we will be recruiting boys for the Cathedral Choir, if anyone knows any boys aged around 7 years of age that might be interested, could they talk to Assistant Organist: Nicky Morton or Organist & Master of the Choristers: Dr Derek Collins. organist@stcolumbs.net



Bible Readings for September 2021

DAY	READING	THEME
Wednesday 1	Revelation 2:12-17	Holding on
Thursday 2	Revelation 2:18-29	Nevertheless
Friday 3	Revelation 3:1-13	Wake up!
Saturday 4	Revelation 3:14-21	Knocking at the door
Sunday 5	Galatians 1:1-10	Not happy
Monday 6	Galatians 1:11-24	All change
Tuesday 7	Galatians 2:1-10	Oh, freedom!
Wednesday 8	Galatians 2:11-21	Practical divinity
Thursday 9	Galatians 3:1-14	Being biblical
Friday 10	Galatians 3:15-22	Alive to the Law?
Saturday 11	Galatians 3:23-29	One
Sunday 12	Galatians 4:1-11	Imagination
Monday 13	Galatians 4:12-20	Airbrushing
Tuesday 14	Galatians 4:21-5:1	Subversion
Wednesday 15	Galatians 5:2-15	The only thing
Thursday 16	Galatians 5:16-26	You in your small corner and I in mine
Friday 17	Galatians 6:1-10	Faith and works
Saturday 18	Galatians 6:11-18	Awkward!
Sunday 19	Deuteronomy 26:1-15	Harvest offering
Monday 20	Jeremiah 31:10-14	The goodness of God
Tuesday 21	Psalms 126	Reaping with shouts of joy
Wednesday 22	Leviticus 23:23-25	Holiness and trumpet blasts
Thursday 23	Leviticus 23:26-32	The Day of Atonement
Friday 24	Leviticus 16:2-10, 29-34	The high priest makes atonement
Saturday 25	Leviticus 23:33-43	The festival of Booths (Tabernacles)
Sunday 26	Lamentations 3:22-33	A grateful heart
Monday 27	Deuteronomy 4:25-31	As streams in dry land ...
Tuesday 28	Psalms 25:1-10	My ways are not your ways
Wednesday 29	Psalms 123	The look of love
Thursday 30	Hosea 14:1-7	Standing in the shadow of love

On Sunday 27th June 2021, I was installed as one of the Head Boy Choristers of Saint Columb's Cathedral. This was a really proud day for all my family as my younger brother Clark was also installed as one of the Deputy Head Chorister's. We were presented with our Head and Deputy Head Medals by the Bishop of Derry Andrew Forster. I have wanted to be a Chorister since I was 3 years old and joined the Choir as a Probationer in January 2015, aged 6 years old. I have now been in the choir over 6 years and I always hoped one day to become Head Chorister. Since joining I have learnt so much about music and it has given me the confidence to perform and sing solos. I have made so many good friends too. Being a Chorister means a lot to me and I really enjoy singing at the services and being part of a tradition that goes back many years. My great grandfather was a Chorister over 100 years ago in this choir and it makes me feel really proud to carry on this tradition. My first official duty as Head Chorister was to sing at the Wedding of Louis and Anna on the Friday 16th July 2021. Louis sings in the Gentlemen's Choir and was also a Boy Chorister here in the Cathedral. We sang 'The Lord Bless You and Keep You' which is a really lovely anthem and it was special to sing this for Louis and Anna as Louis sang the same anthem at my mum and dad's wedding 17 years ago when he was a boy Chorister. I would like to thank Dr Derek Collins, Nicky Morton, The Reverend Dr Ian Mills and Louis Fields for being amazing music teachers since I joined the Choir and also to the Gentlemen of the choir for being great role models to me. When Choir returns in September I look forward to setting a good example to the next generation of Choristers in my role as Head Chorister.

Elliot McClintock



Jack Wilson, Assistant Director of Music at Belfast Cathedral, is to leave Saint Anne's in September having been appointed Graduate Organ Scholar at Ely Cathedral.

Jack, who is 23, began his musical career as a chorister in Saint Columb's Cathedral in Londonderry where he studied organ with Ian Mills and Derek Collins. He read music at Queen's University Belfast and was organ scholar at Belfast Cathedral. After undertaking a Master of Music degree in Choral Conducting at Cambridge University, he was appointed Assistant Director of Music at Belfast Cathedral.

Jack said: "I am absolutely delighted to be

joining the team of three organists at Ely Cathedral and to have the opportunity of taking part in the daily music making in a Cathedral whose musical tradition extends for over a thousand years". Besides organ playing and deputising for the Director of the Girls' Choir, Jack will be teaching music in the King's School Ely which is one of England's major public schools.

Come
Together
Again
Friday 17 September

CULTURENIGHT.IE



7 pm to 8 pm.

A Musical Evening with the Boy Choristers and Organists of Saint Columb's Cathedral will be held in the Cathedral as part of the City Council's Culture Night events.

The Boy Choristers will perform a number of items. Dr. Derek Collins and Nicky Morton will perform some pieces on the organ.



Derry City & Strabane
District Council

Comhairle Chathair
Dhoire & Cheantar
an tSrátha Báin

Derry Citty & Strábane
Destríck Cooncil

Admission is free of charge and everyone is welcome.

DIPPING INTO THE ARCHIVES

From the Cathedral Magazine of September 1961

CATHEDRAL GIRLS' CHOIR

The Girls' Choir will resume practices on Friday, 1st September, at 7 p.m. in the Cathedral Schools. It is hoped that there will be a good attendance of old members, and new members will be very welcome.

The first duty of a choir member is that she must be in the Cathedral every Sunday at 2.00 p.m. in order to be in her place in the choir stalls in good time.

It is hoped that special music will be prepared for one Sunday afternoon in each month, and if we all pull our weight and do our best we will not only help ourselves, but others, in worshipping God in the beauty of holiness. S. WOOD.

DATES TO NOTE.

Cathedral Harvest Thanksgiving Services, 15th October.

Preacher, The Lord Bishop of Meath, the Rt. Rev. Dr. R. B. Pike.

Annual Cathedral Sale. Thursday, 23rd November. Opening at 3 p.m. by Lady McCorkell, with the Lord Bishop in the Chair.

Commemoration of 350th year of the Authorised Version of the Bible and Thanksgiving for the New English Translation of the Bible, Sunday, 10th December. Preacher, The Lord Bishop.

THE FUNNY SIDE OF CHURCH LIFE

Little girl to mummy: 'Mummy, why does the pastor pray before he goes up into the pulpit?'

She replied, 'He's asking God to help him preach a good sermon.'

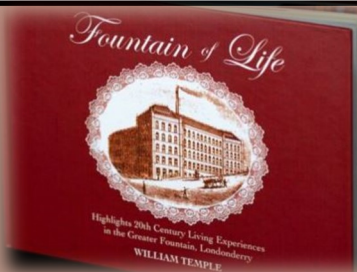
Little girl: 'Then why doesn't God answer his prayer?'



Happy birthday to Simon
Love from all the family xo

★ **HAPPY** ★
BIRTHDAY!

Mya Hamilton
Ifeoma Agogha
Elle Hamilton
Alesha Hamilton



FOUNTAIN OF LIFE

William Temple, a resident of The Fountain, Londonderry, has written and published a book – **Fountain of Life (Highlights 20th Century Living Experiences in the Greater Fountain, Londonderry)**.

Copies of the book are on sale at £10.00 – with part of the proceeds being given to Cathedral funds.

If you would like to order a copy of the book please give your name to Ian Bartlett.

THE MISSION TO SEAFARERS

Thank you to all who contributed to the 'retiring offering' on Sea Sunday, Sunday 11th July.

£196.50 has been sent to The Mission to Seafarers (Northern Ireland).

'MAHAJANGA CALLING' APPEAL

Our good friend Canon David Crooks, the Rector of The Taughboyne Group of Parishes, undertook three sponsored cycles during the month of July to raise funds for The Diocese of Mahajanga in Madagascar where his brother-in-law Hall Speers is the Bishop. The Diocese needs £50,000 in order to become more financially solvent and to recruit, train, house and pay clergy.

A 'retiring offering' was held on Sunday 11th July and £315.00 has been contributed.

We thank all who contributed to this worthy cause.

Partners in Prayer 2021

Bishop Andrew writes

The pandemic has brought countless challenges to each and everyone of us, challenges that have driven us to our knees as we have cried out to God for mercy and help during one of the most difficult periods that we have lived through.

Our diocesan prayer diary is a valuable resource in helping you support our diocesan family. You can help our parishes through your prayers as they seek to respond to the COVID-19 crisis. Remember, every prayer counts and every prayer makes a difference.

‘Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.’

Philippians 4: 4-7



+ ANDREW DERRY AND RAPHOE

THE WEEK BEGINNING SUNDAY 5th SEPTEMBER 2021

BACK TO CHURCH SUNDAY

THE FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

The Province of The Episcopal Church of Sudan

The Most Reverend Ezekiel Kondo, Archbishop of Sudan, Bishop of Khartoum.

The Church of Ireland

The Most Reverend John McDowell, Archbishop of Armagh,
Primate of All Ireland and Metropolitan.

The Dioceses of Dublin and Glendalough

The Most Reverend Michael Jackson, Archbishop of Dublin, Bishop of Glendalough,
Primate of Ireland and Metropolitan.

The Dioceses of Derry and Raphoe. The Right Reverend Andrew Forster.

**The Parishes of Moville, Greencastle, Donagh (Carndonagh), Culdaff (Malin)
and Cloncha (Carrowbeg)**

Rector: Vacant.

In Charge: The Reverend Canon David Crooks, Rural Dean.

MISSION FOCUS – THE BIBLE SOCIETY IN CAMBODIA

Despite Scripture being available in the Khmer language, many people are still unable to access it due to illiteracy. The Bible Society in Cambodia has partnered with many local churches to offer over 600 literacy classes a year to both disadvantaged Christians and non-Christians. These people are taught to read through studying the Bible.

One of those who participates in these literacy classes is 12-year-old Srey Aun. She has a very low literacy level as she often has to skip school to support her family. She told the Bible Society staff that she was excited to be able to learn to read and write, and perhaps one day to have a good job with a decent income.

WEDNESDAY 8th SEPTEMBER 2021 – THE BIRTH OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

THE WEEK BEGINNING SUNDAY 12th SEPTEMBER 2021

THE FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

The Anglican Church of Tanzania

The Most Reverend Maimbo Mndolwa, Archbishop of Tanzania, Bishop of Tanga

The Church of Ireland

The Most Reverend John McDowell, Archbishop of Armagh,
Primate of All Ireland and Metropolitan.

The Dioceses of Dublin and Glendalough

The Most Reverend Michael Jackson, Archbishop of Dublin, Bishop of Glendalough,
Primate of Ireland and Metropolitan.

The Dioceses of Derry and Raphoe. The Right Reverend Andrew Forster.

The Parishes of Fahan Upper and Fahan Lower (Buncrana)

The Reverend Canon Judi McGaffin, Bishop's Curate in charge.

MISSION FOCUS – THE LEPROSY MISSION IN THAILAND AND INDONESIA

McKean in Thailand is a hospital and Christian service centre owned by the national Thai church. TLM has supported this ministry in different ways over McKean's 112 years of continuing service.

Give thanks and pray for the new leadership team at McKean and the start of the new independent living units. Indonesia ranks third in the world in the number of leprosy cases. TLM teams in New Zealand, the Netherlands and Australia have partnered with NLR Indonesia to work in one of the poorest districts in West Java, Indramayu.

Pray for the direct involvement of people affected by leprosy in the promotion, prevention and treatment of leprosy. **Pray** for the ongoing leprosy and prevention training and technical development for health workers to ensure their knowledge, skills and readiness in providing these vital services.

THE WEEK BEGINNING SUNDAY 19th SEPTEMBER 2021

THE SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

The Church of The Province of Uganda

The Most Reverend Stephen Kazimba, Archbishop of Uganda, Bishop of Mityana.

The Church of Ireland

The Most Reverend John McDowell, Archbishop of Armagh,
Primate of All Ireland and Metropolitan.

The Dioceses of Dublin and Glendalough

The Most Reverend Michael Jackson, Archbishop of Dublin, Bishop of Glendalough,
Primate of Ireland and Metropolitan.

The Dioceses of Derry and Raphoe. The Right Reverend Andrew Forster.

The Parishes of Taughboyne with Craigadooish, Newtowncunningham and Killea

The Reverend Canon David Crooks, Rector.

Mr William Turner, Mrs Maureen Williams, Ms Anne Speers
and Mr Sean McClafferty, Diocesan Readers.

MISSION FOCUS – CHURCH MISSION SOCIETY

As they engage in creation care in West London, Kailean and Kim Khongsai are working closely with local churches to create a labyrinth as part of the Wolf Fields land transformation project. **Pray** for Kailean and Kim and the local churches to together create a labyrinth that will encourage visitors on their spiritual journeys by offering a space where people can worship God in His creation and be inspired by it.

TUESDAY 21st SEPTEMBER 2021 – SAINT MATTHEW

THE WEEK BEGINNING SUNDAY 26th SEPTEMBER 2021

THE SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

The Episcopal Church in The United States of America

The Most Reverend Michael Curry, Presiding Bishop.

The Diocese of Southwest Florida

The Right Reverend Dabney Tyler Smith.

The Church of Ireland

The Most Reverend John McDowell, Archbishop of Armagh,
Primate of All Ireland and Metropolitan.

The Dioceses of Dublin and Glendalough

The Most Reverend Michael Jackson, Archbishop of Dublin, Bishop of Glendalough,
Primate of Ireland and Metropolitan.

The Dioceses of Derry and Raphoe. The Right Reverend Andrew Forster.
The Parishes of Conwal Union with Gartan
The Reverend David Houlton, Rector. The Reverend Heather Houlton.

MISSION FOCUS – THE LEPROSY MISSION IN HUNGARY

TLM Hungary has been supporting the work among people affected by leprosy since 1974, standing alone in the Eastern region of Europe in doing that. The activity is nurtured by individuals and churches.

Give thanks for the dedication of Christian churches in Hungary towards helping people affected by leprosy; for the pastors, priests and ministers of the different denominations who have a heart for the cause of the Mission. Give thanks for the faithful church contacts whose dedication and ongoing stimulation is keeping the flame alive.

WEDNESDAY 29th SEPTEMBER 2021 – SAINT MICHAEL and all ANGELS

THE WEEK BEGINNING SUNDAY 3rd OCTOBER 2021
THE EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY / HARVEST SUNDAY

The Church in Wales

Archbishop: Vacant.

The Church of Ireland

The Most Reverend John McDowell, Archbishop of Armagh,
Primate of All Ireland and Metropolitan.

The Dioceses of Down and Dromore. The Right Reverend David McClay.

The Dioceses of Derry and Raphoe. The Right Reverend Andrew Forster.

**The Parishes of Tullyaughnish (Ramelton), Kilmacrennan,
Killygarvan (Rathmullan) and Glenalla**

The Reverend Canon Harry Gilmore, Rector. Mrs Ann Fletcher, Diocesan Reader.

MISSION FOCUS – THE BIBLE SOCIETY IN ARAB ISRAELI

The Arab Israeli Bible Society provides Arabic Bibles and many other resources to the 17 million Arab citizens of Israel. They describe themselves as a “double minority” as they live among a Muslim majority within the state of Israel which has a Jewish majority.

Their aim is to provide culturally relevant tools to the Christian community to help them engage with the Bible. The Arab Israeli Bible Society works closely with local churches to provide leadership training as well as advocating for the Bible. Most importantly, they provide Arabic Bibles which can be hard to come by in this area.

THE LEPROSY MISSION PRAYER

Almighty Father, the giver of life and health, look mercifully on those who suffer from leprosy. Stretch out your hand to touch and heal them as Jesus did during His earthly life.

Grant wisdom and insight to those who are seeking the prevention and cure of the disease. Give skill and sympathy to those who minister to the patients.

Reunite the separated with their family and friends.

And inspire your people with the task set before The Leprosy Mission that it may never lack the staff or the means to carry on its healing work in accordance with your will and to the glory of your holy name.

We ask this for the sake of Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord. **Amen.**

THE CHURCH MISSION SOCIETY PRAYER

May the God of Light shine brightly on the CMSI family, bringing blessing to – and through – staff, volunteers, members, mission personnel and Global Partners.

May the God of Life bring hope and renewal to those living in despair, in the places where CMSI's partners work.

May the God of Love bring healing and transformation to churches and individuals in Ireland as they encounter Him afresh and engage in His work of mission.

May the God of Peace and Justice reign in our world.

May His Kingdom come on earth as in heaven. **Amen.**

A PRAYER IN THE TIME OF THE CORONAVIRUS

Almighty and All-loving God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, we pray to you through Christ the Healer for those who suffer from the Coronavirus (Covid-19) pandemic in Ireland and across the world.

We pray too for all who reach out to those who mourn the loss of each and every person who has died as a result of contracting the disease.

Give wisdom to policymakers, skill to researchers, comfort to everyone in distress and a sense of calm to us all in these days of uncertainty and distress.

This we ask in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord who showed compassion to the outcast, acceptance to the rejected and love to those to whom no love was shown. **Amen.**

(The Most Reverend Michael Jackson, Archbishop of Dublin and Bishop of Glendalough, Primate of Ireland and Metropolitan).

A PRAYER FOR HOSPITALS, NURSING HOMES, DOCTORS AND NURSES

Almighty God, we lift before you all of our medical staff and professionals, carers, community workers and those providing essential services.

We thank you for their commitment and dedication to sacrificially serve you.

We pray that your outstretched arms will embrace their helping hands on the frontline of this pandemic.

Comfort and uphold them as they deal with the traumatic situations that they face.

Lord, give them strength and tenacity in their tiredness.

Protect them from infection and guard their families.

Father, encourage them with your gentleness and give them compassion and grace in how they serve and lead. **Amen.**

(From 'Hope in the Pandemic' – Prayers during COVID-19)



Obituaries
Raymond John McKittrick
9th May 1944 – 1st July 2021

We meet this afternoon to remember Raymond McKittrick, to thank God for his life, and to support by our presence and with our prayers the members of his family – those who are going to miss him the most because they loved him the most.

Let me begin by expressing on behalf of Canon John Merrick and myself, and on behalf of the parishioners of The Parish of Templemore, our sincere sympathy to all of you; particularly to Richard and Ken, Kathy and Lauren and to Raymond's grandchildren, David, Leah, William, Megan, Madison, Stephen, Harry and Jonah; to Raymond's partner Pam and her daughter Karen; to his brothers and sisters and their families – Margaret, Norman, Robert, Derek and Jim – also remembering the families of his brothers Billy and Ken, both of whom are deceased.

Raymond John McKittrick was born on 9th May 1944. He was the fourth of eight children born to Robert and Elizabeth McKittrick – the other siblings being Margaret, Norman, Robert, Derek, Jim – and Billy and Ken both of whom are deceased.

Raymond began his primary school education at Carlisle Road Primary School; later progressing to Londonderry Technical College after which he worked in the motor car industry serving with various car component companies here in the City until his retirement.

In the field of love and romance when someone is finding it difficult to settle down and to find a partner for life the advice is sometimes given, **'There's a Mr Right or a Miss Right out there somewhere for you'**. Well, while at a dance one evening in The Memorial Hall Raymond was literally to find his MISS RIGHT! Miss Andrea Wright.

Raymond McKittrick of 22 Mourne Drive and Andrea Wright of 5 Albert Street were married in Saint Columb's Cathedral on 28th August 1965.

The Service of Holy Matrimony was conducted by the Rector and Dean, Dean Leslie Lawrenson. Raymond and Andrea were blessed with children – but the joys of bringing up their children was tinged with acute sadness when they lost twin girls who were stillborn in 1974, and then in February 2002 their son, Stephen, died after a long illness.

But they found happiness and fulfilment in their other children – twins Richard and Ken, and Kathy and Lauren – and in their grandchildren.

Tragedy knocked on the door again, 10 years ago, in August 2011.

Following a short few weeks in Foyle Hospice Raymond laid Andrea – his wife of almost 46 years – to rest in Ballyoan Cemetery on Tuesday 23rd August 2011.

Andrea who was a wonderful wife, mother and grandmother was also a great family person and a real support to Raymond in his life. Her death at the relatively young age of 67 years brought sadness and a sense of loneliness to Raymond; but 6 ½ years ago Raymond met Pam. A friendship blossomed and Raymond's family began to see a sparkle in Raymond's eyes again. Pam could not replace Andrea but her presence in his life restored Raymond's hope and joy in living – and for that his family is so very grateful.

As I pay a tribute to Raymond today and as I commend him to the care and keeping of his Heavenly Father, I am particularly conscious of two verses of Scripture – both from books of the Old Testament.

Many years before the birth of Jesus the Psalmist David wrote these words:

For all our days pass away under your wrath; our years come to an end like a sigh.

The days of our life are seventy years, or perhaps eighty, if we are strong; even then their span is only toil and trouble; they are soon gone, and we fly away. (Psalm 90: 10).

The other verse of Scripture is from The Book of The Proverbs.

Do not boast about tomorrow, for you do not know what a day may bring. (Proverbs 27: 1).

In preparing for this service today I turned my attention to the Obituary for Raymond's wife Andrea in the Cathedral magazine.

As I said to some family members yesterday the death of Andrea and the death of Raymond are similar in many ways. Dean William Morton reminded the Cathedral congregation on Tuesday 23rd August 2011, '**We are all reminded of the brevity and uncertainty of life**'. When Andrea went to Portrush on the Sunday School excursion on Saturday 2nd July and when she sang in The Ladies Choir on Sunday 3rd July she never thought that just a few weeks later those who loved her in life would be expressing their love for her in death. When Raymond was admitted to Altnagelvin Hospital four weeks ago he did not know that four weeks later his family and friends would be standing outside of his home to bid him an earthly adieu.

We heard in one of the Scripture readings today: **There is a time to be born, and a time to die**. Raymond McKittrick had no say in when he would be born – and he had no say in when he would die. And that is true for each one of us.

As the Psalmist reminds us, **Our times are in God's hands**. (Psalm 31: 15).

As we live our lives – whether long or short in the number of years – we should be particularly conscious of how we use the time that God has given to us.

Not using that time selfishly, concentrating on our own needs and desires – but using that time to know, love and serve God and in response to His love for us to love and respect our neighbours in the same way that we would wish to be treated.

If we can do this, then we will have done what God requires of us - which is, according to the Prophet Micah, **to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God**. (Micah 6: 8).

Pearl Lynch
18th May 1937 – 6th July 2021

We meet this afternoon to remember Pearl Lynch; to thank God for her life; to commend her to the keeping of God, her creator, redeemer and judge; and to support by our presence and with our prayers her family, carers and friends.

I wish on behalf of Canon John Merrick and myself to express to you Eamon and to the other members of the family our sincere sympathy and the assurance of our thoughts and prayers. It was Pearl's wish that Saint Columb's Cathedral would be involved in her funeral service - and even though Canon John Merrick and myself never had the pleasure of knowing Pearl or of ministering to her, we are more than happy to accede to her request and to bring her life back to where it began 84 years ago.

The Cathedral records show that Pearl, the daughter of June Montgomery, was born at 14 Roulstone Avenue, Londonderry on 18th May 1937 and that she was baptised in Saint Columb's Cathedral on 16th June 1937 by The Reverend Louis Crooks, the Curate-assistant. We remember today that Pearl was the beloved wife of Edward Patrick Lynch (deceased), the loving mother of Eamon, and of Sylvia and Janette (both deceased), and a much loved grandmother.

Because neither Canon John Merrick nor I knew Pearl, I have had to beg and borrow some information about her to enable me to give this Tribute today. And I am most grateful to Joy who has given me some information about Pearl's time at Deanfield Care Home.

Pearl came to live at Deanfield Care Home just over 5 years ago on 26th January 2016. Her long-term friend Ivy was also a resident at the Home and this helped Pearl to settle in. When Ivy, unfortunately, died some time later Pearl was heart broken but the staff worked with her, tried to reassure her – and in time Pearl began to trust them more.

From then on Pearl became more settled – even giving pet names to the staff members; such as Betty, Trevor and Judy. These were not the real names of the staff members but they played along with Pearl and enjoyed that bit of fun!

Pearl was a very affectionate person who loved hugs, who enjoyed sitting and chatting over a cup of tea. But there was another side to Pearl too – and she could give you a look out of the corner of her eye that said, **"Enough is enough"**.

Pearl had a great shine for the actor Rock Hudson and would often tell the staff members that she should have married him!

One of Pearl's prized possessions that she kept on her bedside locker was a framed photograph of Rock Hudson given to her as a gift by a visitor to the Care Home. Another treasured possession was her teddy that was tucked into her back every night offering her warmth, comfort and reassurance. Pearl was a big character in Deanfield Care Home; she endeared herself to staff members and residents alike; and she will be sorely missed by all.

When I asked some of the Cathedral parishioners if they knew Pearl all of them replied '**No**'. Pearl may have been baptised in the Cathedral due to a family connection and then carried on her life elsewhere (we don't know for certain) – so we cannot fault the Cathedral parishioners for that negative response. Sometimes we can become forgotten by our friends and those who are close to us – and this may be a part of Pearl's lifestory.

But none of us is ever forgotten by God. Each of us is remembered by Him each moment of each day.

And if Pearl ever felt alone in this life, she would only have to remember God. He loved her. And we are reminded in the prophecy of Isaiah that **our name is written on the palms of God's hands**. In other words, He can never forget us.

Pearl was a resident who attended the monthly service in the Home conducted by The Reverend David McBeth, the Rector of The Parish of Clooney. In those moments when Holy Scripture would be read and expounded, when the Sacrament of Holy Communion would be administered and received, Pearl would perhaps remember the words of the hymn that she had learned and recited at Sunday School and Church as a young girl – **Jesus loves me, this I know for the Bible tells me so**.

That is a message that we all need to hear.

We live in an age where much interaction with other people can be superficial.

To many people we can simply be a number.

So often during the past 16 months when the numbers of people who died from COVID-19 were being recorded, relatives were heard to say – **My father may have been the 500th person to have died. To me he was not a number, he was a person, much loved and respected**.

As we commend Pearl to the arms of her heavenly Father we echo those words.

Pearl was a child of God, much loved by Him. Her name was engraved on the palms of His hands and she was never forgotten by Him.

Our prayer today is that Pearl will rest in peace and be raised in glory.

Catherine Miller
Edenvale Care Centre, Limavady
9th November 1925 – 21st July 2021

We are meeting this afternoon to remember Catherine Miller; to thank God for her long life; to remember in prayer her family, relatives and friends – and, also, those who have cared for Catherine at Edenvale Care Centre in Limavady for the past nine years.

May I begin by expressing my sympathy, the sympathy of Canon John Merrick and the sympathy of the parishioners of The Parish of Templemore (Saint Columb's Cathedral) to all of you – and particularly to you Jim and Teresa and your daughter Shannon; and to you Adrian and your family Gavin and Jamie; and to Catherine's great grandchildren Josh, Emma, Aaron, Ethan and Joseph.

Catherine has been very much a part of your lives for many years and her love for you and your love for her does not make the separation through death easier – in fact when we love someone for a long period of time we find it so much more difficult to say an earthly farewell. We, however, live with the Christian hope that one day, in God's own time, you will be re-united in heaven with those whom you have loved and cherished here on earth.

Canon John Merrick knew Catherine and ministered to her over the past years. I, sadly, never met Catherine – so I am most grateful to Jim and Teresa who have given me some information about Catherine's life.

Catherine, the daughter of William and Anne Jane Orr, was born on 9th November 1925. She married Joseph Noel Miller from Henry Street in Saint Columb's Cathedral on Thursday 20th November 1947. This date may sound familiar to some of you. It was the same date on which Princess Elizabeth married Lieutenant Philip Mountbatten in Westminster Abbey. Noel and Catherine began their married life at Chapel Road.

They lived here for six years before moving to Noel's mother's house at 1 Henry Street. Noel and Catherine were blessed with two children – Jacqueline who was born at Chapel Road in 1953 and Jim who was born at Henry Street in 1961.

Noel and Catherine saw that their children got a good secular education at The Cathedral Primary School and a good religious education at the Cathedral Sunday School and Church. Jacqueline attended the Brownies and loved being a part of all of the activities they engaged in. As the years pass we find that the connection with Saint Columb's Cathedral is still strong in that Noel and Catherine's grandson Gavin was, for a time, a boy chorister in the Cathedral. In her early years before her marriage Catherine, like many of the young girls of the time, found employment in one of the many shirt factories throughout the City. For Catherine the factory in which she worked was at the bottom of Wapping Lane.

Noel and Catherine, Jacqueline and Jim lived at Henry Street from 1953 until 1972.

This was at the time that is referred to as 'The Troubles' and many families were moving from the City side to the Waterside.

The Miller family found a new home in Lincoln Courts and this was to be Catherine's home until April 2012 when she moved to Edenvale Care Centre in Limavady.

Catherine is remembered as a person who enjoyed day trips by train to Portrush and she attended the local community centre regularly where she liked to dance and to play bingo. At Edenvale Care Centre she was well cared for and loved by the members of the staff.

I understand from her family that the staff members described her as '**a character and a loveable rogue**'.

Catherine loved her cup of tea and the members of staff were constantly attending to her request for another cup of tea. It was all taken in good spirits as they saw the humorous side to Catherine's nature.

My good friend, Canon Sam McVeigh – the former Rector of The Parish of Drumachose (Limavady) – visited Edenvale Care Centre on many occasions and he celebrated Holy Communion at those important occasions in the liturgical calendar of the Christian Year. At Christmas and at Easter Catherine, along with other Church of Ireland residents at the Care Centre, received the Sacrament of Holy Communion and, using the words from the Catechism, her soul was strengthened and refreshed by the Body and Blood of Christ, as her body was by the Bread and Wine.

We recall today that Catherine's life was sometimes tinged with sadness.

Her beloved husband Noel died on 6th March 1985 and her daughter Jacqueline died on 26th November 2016. And today as you remember Catherine both Noel and Jacqueline will also be in your thoughts.

Perhaps, you will have a picture in your mind of the three of them meeting again and being re-united in the heavenly places.

At a time of a bereavement many people turn to the Scriptures for a word or a message of comfort and hope. One of the most popular passages is Psalm 23, one of the readings that Canon John Merrick has just read. **The Lord is my shepherd.**

In the Gospel according to Saint John we find the seven 'I AM' sayings of Jesus – one of which is **I AM THE GOOD SHEPHERD.**

And in the Gospel according to Saint Luke we read **the Parable of the Lost Sheep.**

It should not surprise us that, when speaking with farmers and shepherds, people from a rural background, Jesus should have used illustrations with which they were familiar.

Those to whom Jesus spoke were familiar with the work and ways of the shepherd.

He cared for his sheep. He searched for the one that had gone astray. He protected them at night by using his own body as a doorway across the entrance to the sheep pen.

In all of these readings Jesus is telling us that He cares for us. He searches for us when we go astray. He protects us from danger.

During her long life Catherine Miller had the person of Jesus by her side. He went before her and guided her feet into safe places. He protected her and when life proved to be too stressful, demanding and painful He lifted her in His arms and carried her, just as a shepherd carries the young lamb that has lost its way.

As we remember Catherine and thank God for everything that was good and true in her life; as we commend her soul to the keeping of her heavenly Father; and as we seek comfort in the Christian Faith, we turn afresh to Jesus, the Good Shepherd, the One who loves us beyond our understanding and who will walk with us in this life and beyond.

With Heartfelt Sympathy

Moore

We remember Pearl Moore and her family – Warren and his wife Tara, Ray and his wife Gillian and their daughter Poppy – and all of the relatives of **Albert Moore**, Mill Park, Innisrush who died, peacefully, at Northern Ireland Hospice, Belfast on Saturday 26th June. We, also, remember Albert's sister Jean Wilson (Randalstown) and her family. (Albert was a member of The KIT Group of Parishes – Kilrea, Innisrush and Tamlaght O'Crilly. He had been a Diocesan Reader since July 1989).

Pollock

We remember Coral Pollock and her family – Adrian and his wife Beverley, Keith and his wife Ruth, and the late baby Joanne – and all of the relatives of **Robert A (Bertie) Pollock, M.B.E.**, Crevenagh Road, Omagh who died, peacefully, at South West Acute Hospital, Enniskillen on Wednesday 30th June 2021.

We, also, remember Bertie's and Coral's grandchildren Robbie, Ivy and Ella.

McKittrick

We remember the family – Richard, Ken, Kathy, Lauren, and Stephen (deceased, February 2002) – and all of the relatives of **Raymond John McKittrick**, Clements Court, Waterside, Londonderry who died, peacefully, at Altnagelvin Hospital, Londonderry on Thursday 1st July 2021.

We remember Raymond's grandchildren, David, Leah, William, Megan, Madison, Stephen, Harry and Jonah; his brothers and sisters – Margaret, Norman, Robert, Derek and Jim – Billy and Ken (deceased) – and their families. We, also, remember Raymond's partner Pam and her daughter Karen.

A Service of Thanksgiving for the life of Raymond McKittrick was held at his home in Clements Court, Waterside, Londonderry on Sunday 4th July 2021. The Service was conducted by The Reverend Canon John Merrick and by The Very Reverend Raymond Stewart who also gave the Address.

The Service of Committal at Ballyoan Cemetery, Londonderry was conducted by The Reverend Canon John Merrick.

Fullerton

We remember the family – Elizabeth and her husband Nino Toscano and their daughter Rachele, and Dawn and her family Melanie, Sarah and Caeleigh - and all of the relatives of **Gloria Elizabeth Fullerton** (nee Wray), Mount Eden, Limavady who passed away, peacefully, at Altnagelvin Hospital, Londonderry on Sunday 4th July 2021.

We, also, remember Gloria's great grandchildren, her sister Margaret and her brother-in-law Ian McKie, Brooklyn Park, Eglinton and their family.

With Heartfelt Sympathy

Johnston

We remember the family and all of the relatives of **Isobel Johnston** (nee Bates), Rosstown Gardens, Waterside, Londonderry who died, peacefully, at Altnagelvin Hospital, Londonderry on Monday 5th July 2021.

Isobel was the beloved wife of Edgar (deceased), the much loved mother of Rae, Adrian, Hilary, Yvonne and David and the mother-in-law of Maureen, Ian, William, Cathy, and Kingsley (deceased).

She was, also, an adored grandmother and great-grandmother.

We remember Isobel's daughter Hilary, son-in-law (The Reverend Canon) Ian Gallagher (Stillorgan, Dublin) and their family, and her niece Roberta, her husband (The Reverend Canon) John Merrick (Dunfanaghy) and their family.

Lynch

We remember the family – son Eamon, daughters Sylvia and Janette (deceased) – and all of the relatives of **Pearl Lynch** (nee Montgomery), formerly of Creggan, Brigade and Deanfield Care Home, who died at Altnagelvin Hospital, Londonderry on Tuesday 6th July 2021.

A Service of Thanksgiving for the life of Pearl Lynch was held at W J O'Brien & Son Ltd., Funeral Directors, Clooney Road, Eglinton on Friday 9th July 2021. The Service was conducted by The Reverend Canon John Merrick and by The Very Reverend Raymond Stewart who also gave the Address.

The Service of Committal at Ballyoan Cemetery, Londonderry was conducted by The Reverend Canon John Merrick.

Burnside

We remember Sam Burnside and his family and all of the relatives of **Stella Maris Burnside** (nee Leahy), Moulton Park, Killylane Road, Eglinton who died at Altnagelvin Hospital, Londonderry on Friday 16th July 2021.

Stella was the beloved wife of Sam, the loving mother of Sarah, Kate and John and the much loved grandmother of Jack, Sophie, Matthew, Ben and Aimee.

Sam and Stella were very faithful and generous supporters of Saint Columb's Cathedral and the former Dean, The Very Reverend Dr William Morton, gave the Address at Stella's funeral service at her home on Monday 19th July.

(The Funeral Service and the Service of Committal can be viewed at [youtube.com/watch?v=hoaGGUbT3E8](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hoaGGUbT3E8))

Elliott

We remember Shirley Elliott and her son Mark and all of the relatives of

Robert John (Bob) Elliott.

The Baptism Register of The Parish of Templemore (Saint Columb's Cathedral) records that Robert John Elliott, the son of John Brooks and Gertrude Mabel Elliott, 1 Collon Villas, Buncrana Road, Londonderry was born on 20th May 1945 and baptised by The Reverend Stephen Arthur Cave on 1st July 1945.

Bob Elliott was a Chorister in Saint Columb's Cathedral for many years.

He has written, 'I developed a love for singing thanks in no small part to the influence of the great Michael Franklin. To sing the solo in the Stanford in G Magnificat in front of 500 members of the Mothers' Union was an experience I will always remember (as was the pride on my mother's, Gertie, face)'.

Bob married Shirley in Saint John the Baptist's Church, Clontarf, Dublin in July 1969.

Bob was the President of Foyle College Former Pupils' Association, 2020-2021 – he was to pass the Chain of Office over at the Annual Dinner on 24th September 2021.

Bob's sister Jessie Patricia (Pat) Stratton died in Ascot, Berkshire, England on 2nd April 2021.

With Heartfelt Sympathy

Miller

We remember the family and all of the relatives of **Catherine Miller** (nee Orr), - formerly of Lincoln Courts, Waterside, Londonderry - who died, peacefully, at Edenvale Care Home, Limavady on Wednesday 21st July 2021.

Catherine was the beloved wife of the late Noel Miller, a loving mother to Jim and to the late Jacqueline, a mother-in-law to Teresa Miller and to Adrian Garfield, a much loved grandmother to Shannon, Jamie and Gavin and a cherished great-grandmother to Josh, Aaron, Ethan, Emma and Joseph.

A Service of Thanksgiving for the life of Catherine Miller was held at W J O'Brien & Son Ltd., Funeral Directors, Clooney Road, Eglinton on Friday 23rd July 2021. The Service was conducted by The Reverend Canon John Merrick and by The Very Reverend Raymond Stewart who also gave the Address.

The Service of Committal at Altnagelvin Cemetery, Londonderry was conducted by The Reverend Canon John Merrick.

Holmes

We remember the family and all of the relatives of **Christine Holmes** (nee Allen), Auglish Court, Nelson Drive, Londonderry who died on Tuesday 27th July 2021. Christine was the loving mother of Tammy and the mother-in-law of Philip Hewitt; the much loved grandmother of Jordan and Calvin, and of Christina (deceased); and the dear sister of Terry, Georgina, Fiona, Edward, Charmaine and Elizabeth, and of Trevor (deceased).

Mayes

We remember the family and all of the relatives of **Elizabeth (Beth) Mayes** (nee Irwin), Blackrock, Cork who died, peacefully, at St Luke's Home, Blackrock, Cork on Thursday 5th August 2021.

We remember Beth's husband (The Right Reverend) Michael Mayes and their family – son Patrick, daughters Natalya and Soren, daughter-in-law Ann, son-in-law Rob, grandson Nathan, granddaughter Robyn, sisters Vivienne and Nance.

We, also, remember Alison Mayes, Ebrington Park, Londonderry and her family – Rory, Victoria and Aonghus.

(Beth Mayes was a sister-in-law of The Reverend Canon John Mayes).

Love

We remember the family and relatives of **Elvin George Alexander Love**, Dunnwood Park, Londonderry who died, peacefully, at Altnagelvin Hospital, Londonderry on Thursday 26th August 2021.

We remember Elvin's son Richard and his wife Lynn, and his daughter Rachel and her husband Bill – in Australia. His grandchildren: Callum, Lexie and Aurora.

His brother John and sister-in-law Ingrid; his nephews Jonathan and Christopher and his niece Lydia. His cousin Hilary.

A Service of Thanksgiving for the life of Elvin Love was held in Saint Columb's Cathedral, Londonderry on Saturday 28th August 2021. The service was conducted by The Very Reverend Raymond Stewart who also gave the Address, and by The Reverend Canon John Merrick who also conducted the Service of Committal at Ballyoan Cemetery, Londonderry.

Parish Register

Holy Baptism

“Go and make disciples of all nations

baptising them in the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Saturday 31st July 2021 **Willow Noelle Curry**, the daughter of Jonathan Robert Curry and Emma Louise McCallion, Faughan Crescent, Drumahoe, Londonderry.

Willow’s godparents are her parents – Jonathan Curry and Emma Louise McCallion.

Following the Rite of Holy Baptism Miss Muriel Hamilton, People’s Churchwarden, presented Jonathan and Emma Louise with a ‘Dorcas Pack’ for Willow.

Saturday 21st August 2021 **Jonah Alexander Singh**, the son of Lee Alexander Singh and Lauren Rebecca McKittrick. Ivy Mead, Altnagelvin, Londonderry.

Jonah’s godparents are Madison McKittrick, Amber Cooke, Darren Singh and Bradley Molloy.

Following the Rite of Holy Baptism Miss Muriel Hamilton, People’s Churchwarden, presented Lee and Lauren with a ‘Dorcas Pack’ for Jonah.

Holy Matrimony

“Those whom God hath joined together let no one put asunder.

Friday 16th July 2021 **Louis Fields**, The Beechgrove, Londonderry and **Anna Kilgore**, The Beechgrove, Londonderry.

Thursday 19th August 2021 **Christopher Edward William Kerr**, Putney, London and **Helen Elizabeth McCrossan**, Putney, London.

Wednesday 25th August 2021 **Gary James McMackin**, The Hillocks, Londonderry and **Lucy Ellen McGonigle**, The Hillocks, Londonderry.

Burial

“The Lord is my Shepherd.”

Sunday 4th July 2021 **Raymond John McKittrick**, Clements Court, Londonderry.
Ballyoan Cemetery, Londonderry.

Friday 9th July 2021 **Pearl Lynch**, Deanfield Care Home, Londonderry.
Ballyoan Cemetery, Londonderry.

Friday 23rd July 2021 **Catherine Miller**, Edenvale Care Centre, Limavady.
(formerly of Lincoln Courts, Waterside, Londonderry).
Altnagelvin Cemetery, Londonderry.

Saturday 28th August 2021 **Elvin George Alexander Love**, Dunnwood Park, Londonderry.
Ballyoan Cemetery, Londonderry.



IN MEMORIAM

THE FABRIC FUND	£
In memory of Iris Carruthers	
From Allison & Fiona McClelland	30.00
From Jean & Will Pomeroy	25.00
From Muriel Hamilton	25.00
From George, Vivien, Catherine & Hannah Keys	250.00
From the daughters of the late Margie Olphert	30.00
In loving memory of my parents, Jim & Ella Lynch	
From Allison McClelland & family	60.00
In loving memory of my husband, Roy Peoples	
From Jean & family	50.00
In memory of my wife Avril	
From George Laverty	100.00
In memory of Billy Walker	
From Alison & David Scott	20.00
From Carol & Ronan McIntyre	20.00
In loving memory of my Grandparents, Alexander & Lydia Trotter	
From Jim	100.00
In memory of the late Catherine Miller (nee Orr)	
From R H Chapman	25.00
In loving memory of my dear husband, Joe Gallagher who passed away on 8.9.1998 and all my family members who are resting in peace	
From Betty (Majilton) in Portrush	100.00
In loving memory of my son, Ralph Wilson	
From his mum, Lil	50.00
In loving memory of my husband, Ralph Wilson	
With love from Pam	100.00
In memory of Ralph Wilson	
From his brother, John & Audrey	25.00
From David, Lisa, Ross & Drew	50.00
Thankoffering on the Occasion of the Baptism of our daughter, Willow Noelle Curry	
From Jonathan Curry & Emma Louise McCallion	50.00
Thankoffering on the Occasion of the Baptism of our son Jonah Alexander Singh	
From his parents Lauren McKittrick & Lee Singh	50.00
Thankoffering on the Occasion of our Diamond Wedding Anniversary	
From Mr & Mrs Harry Robinson	200.00
DONATION TO THE FABRIC FUND	
From Lynette Grantham re: visit to Creevagh House Gardens	20.00
THE CHOIR FUND	
In memory of Norman Jefferson (4th Anniversary)	
From his sister Ann Tweedie (Jefferson)	25.00
In memory of my parents, Raymond who recently passed away and my mum, Andrea (10th Anniversary).	
From Kathy	30.00
Thankoffering on the occasion of the Baptism of Jonah Alexander Singh	
From his Aunt Kathy McKittrick	20.00

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